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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE-93: Relations Between the Chinese Communist Regime and the USSR: Their Present Character and Probable Future Courses

1. There is not much to be said for NIE-93 except that it does establish a small area of agreement among the agencies concerning a subject on which there is little knowledge and much feeling. The final draft was hammered out, word by word, at the meetings with the representatives; inevitably it is rough. Large areas of the subject are inadequately treated. But we do now have agreement on a few significant generalizations, and we may hope to extend this agreement in subsequent estimates.

2. In an earlier draft the following statement appeared: "We do not believe that Sino-Soviet solidarity can be significantly weakened by Western concessions to the Chinese Communists or by increased Western pressure." State [redacted] strongly urged the 25X1
inclusion of this statement, and G-2 preferred to omit it. Navy and Air urged its inclusion. The Board thought it better to defer the subject for later consideration. Probably Navy and Air will ask for a footnote on the subject.

3. State thought there was too much duplication between paragraph 23e and paragraph 24. The other agencies wished the present wording. The Board feels that these paragraphs are no worse than others in the estimate. Probably State will go along.

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